

Section School

Location: S23/T5/R6E

Funds: \$500

District: 96

Teachers in 1923: Isaac Browder, Lily Durham, Eunice M. Lester, and Eva Johns

Trustees in 1923: W. W. McCord, J. B. Powell, and S. A. Johns

Teachers in 1939: Elementary: Zula Carter and Mrs. Audrey Spears

Teachers in 1939: Junior High: T. O. Butler



1908-1909 Natus Smith, Principal, 5 months at \$85

Pearl Butler, 5 months at \$45

1909-1910 Natus Smith, Principal, 4 months at \$85

J. S. Benson, Assistant, 4 months at \$50

1918-1919 D. L. Walker, Principal, 7 months at \$95

Allie Roden, 7 months at \$75

Kate Chandler, 7 months at \$65

1922-1923 T. N. Driskill, 9 months at \$125

Isaac Browder, 8 months at \$115

Eunice Lester, 8 months at \$85

Lily Dunham, 8 months at \$70

Eva Jones, 8 months at \$75

1923-1924 Isaac Browder, 8 months at \$125

J. H. Chitwood, 8 months at \$90

Gladys Scroggins, 8 months at \$60

1938-1939 Junior High School

Ted Butler, Principal

Eva Carter

Elementary School

Audrey Spears

Zula Carter

Louise Phillips

2003-2004 37 teachers

Early teachers at the school included Osborn Durham, Henry Baker, John Roach, Miss Benson and Miss Bostick, G. W. Weather, Lary Bell, Lucy Olivia Weatherly, George H. Smith, Lula Phillips, Professor Austin, Miss Lora P. Allen, Kathran P. Wiseman, S. E. Winton, Prof. S N. Smith, Miss Pearl Butler



The *Encyclopedia of Alabama* provides this overview of Section schools:

Section was originally known as Mt. Zion when the first post office was established in 1875. Settlers had been coming to the area for free land as early as 1862; they had to agree to occupy the land for five years to own it. It became known later as Section because it was the location of a square-mile parcel of land, known as the 16th Section, required by the federal government to be set aside in support of public schools. The first store in the community was built in 1889. The first school was built in the area before 1890, which was the year it burned. Its successor lasted 25 years before it also burned. In 1910,

Section incorporated, annexing several smaller communities into the town limits.” Wikipedia notes that “There were communities such as Kirby's Creek, Gosset's Hollow, and Fern Cliff. These communities came together to form the Town of Section.”

So schools in Section officially date from 1890. However, the *Scottsboro Citizen* dates the beginning of organized education in Section at least three years earlier, and long-time resident Steve Durham can trace schools in Section back much further. His great grandfather Osborn Delaney Durham was born in South Carolina in 1819, but was living in Forsyth County, Georgia when he married Mary Ann Loftin in 1848 in Georgia, where his first two children were born. He was living in Alabama in time to be censused in Alabama in 1850, where he is listed as a teacher. He bought land in Section on February 1, 1860 under the Homestead Act from the land office in Centre.

When he began teaching in the area that would later be known as Section, his school was located just below Bluff Cemetery and probably was held in the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Christ. This early church burned while Osborne was teaching there. The church was reborn as Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Section. A plaque on the front of the current church recognizes Osborne Durham's family alone of the original seven families that founded the church.

The Durham family is also connected to the second Section school location. Osborn's second child, David Irving Durham, was born in Jackson County in 1851. David gave an acre of land for Section to build its second school building, which was located on Highway 35 across from the current post office. This is probably the school that was intentionally burned in 1894, probably in retaliation for school principal John Roach played in the disappearance of Miss Laura Gilbreath.

This school was first referenced in the *Scottsboro Citizen* in 1887 and had been in existence long enough to be referred to as “the Section school house.”

Mar 27, 1887 SC: “The Sunday School at the Section school house is in a flourishing condition, and the morals of the mountain are rapidly improving.” The list of voting precincts found on the same page does not list Section as a precinct.

Jul 21, 1893 PA: “Prof. Henry Baker, who has charge of the section school on the mountain, was in town on Saturday.” Later that year, in the October 6 PA, “Prof. John Roach, of Fackler, has procured the position of principal in the section school on Sand Mountain. The December 22 paper list Prof. Roach as “head of the Section High School.”

Oct 27, 1893 PA: “Mr Coleman Brown has removed from Dutton to Section in order to get the benefit of the Section school.”

Jul 13, 1894 PA: “The young folks had an agreeable croquet party at the Section school house last Saturday evening.”

Jul 17, 1894 PA: The newspaper here and in Chattanooga are filled with accounts of “the Roach-Gilbreath Affair.”

Aug 3, 1894 PA: “Section school is progressing very smoothly under the guidance of Miss Benson and Miss Bostick.”

Aug 19, 1894 PA: “Section school house, across XXX, was burned last Saturday evening, about 2:00. From comments of reliable gentleman, it was doubtless of incendiary origin. XXX guilty party, as soon as discovered, XXXX vengeance will be taken.”

Oct 4, 1894, SC: “The Section School. Negotiations are pending for the transfer of the school at Section to the control of Prof. Rose, of the Tri-Sate Normal University. If he concludes to take that school it will be conducted as a preparatory school to the University at Scottsboro, and will in no way interfere with Prof. Rose’s management of Tri-State Normal University.

May 28, 1896 SC: Political speech at Section School House. Speeches went on through July.

Aug 6, 1896 SC: “We have a three months’ subscription school taught by Miss Fannie Kirby, of Collinsville, Ala.”

Aug 26, 1897 PA: “Prof. G. W. Weatherly and Miss Lary Bell, the assistant teacher, are getting along fine with the Section school.”

Dec 23, 1897 PA: “Our School, of about 100 enrollment, with Prof. Weatherly, principal and Mr. Guest, assistant, is getting along nicely.

Jul 7, 1898 PA: “Governor Johnston will address the people on the political issues of the day at Section School House on Wednesday.”

Aug 25, 1898 PA: “Lucy Olivia, eldest daughter of G. W. and Sarah P. Weatherly, was born in Pike ‘county, Georgia, December 3, 1880 and died August 15, 1898. Since she was six years old her home has been in the school room, with her father, until two years ago she entered the State Normal, at Troy, Ala., where she was graduated last June....Her career as teacher began in Section school two weeks before her last illness. She took the position with its heavy responsibilities for a girl of seventeen, not from necessity but from desire to be useful and lead a life with duties well fulfilled.”

Feb 18, 1899 PA: Section school district created, its boundaries were defined, and its maintenance was provided for. Mr. Johnson introduced a motion to the legislature on November 22, 1900 to repeal this act to create a separate school district. The November 29 PA noted that “the bill to repeal the law establishing the Section school district has not been acted upon.”

May 10, 1900 SC: “Col. George H. Smith, of the Section school, delivered an eloquent address before the Teachers’ Institute at Bridgeport last week, and he captivated a large audience by its fascinating oratory.”

Oct 4, 1900 PA: Prof G. W. Weatherly was over yesterday from Section on school business.

Dec 27, 1900 PA: Age Publishing gave away an organ to Centre Point church, with Section school receiving the next highest number of votes.

Aug 15, 1901 PA: “School under the management of Prof G W. Weatherly and Miss Lula Phillips is progressing nicely. The enrollment is about 150.”

Jan 16, 1902 PA: “Prof G I Weatherly, the assistant teacher at the Section High School, has made an excellent record during the past half of the term.”

Feb 18, 1904 PA: “The school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof Austin and Miss Lora Allen.”

Jan 12, 1905 PA: “Our school now enrolls 125 pupils.”

Feb 16, 1905 PA: Report on students passing standard exams at Section, presented by Principal Lora V. Allen and Assistant Kathryn P. Wiseman. See article for student names.

The Progressive Age (Scottsboro, Alabama) • Nov 2, 1905 1

SECTION HIGH SCHOOL
Opens Monday, October 30th . .
and continues 9 months

We solicit the patronage of those who are seeking a thorough and well-conducted school for their girls and boys.

Location, high and extremely healthful.

Good board in private families, near school building.

For catalogue and further information address

S. E. WINTON, Prin.,
- Section, Ala.

Jul 20, 1905 PA and SC: "There will be an election for School Superintendent of Section School District at Section, Monday, August 8th, 1905. Polls open 10 A. M. J. W. Gibbs, Chairman. Wm. Cooper Co. Supt. Ed." And for three months thereafter.

Oct 26, 1905 PA: Section High School opens and continues for nine months. See Details. This ran weekly until November 23.

Dec 14, 1905 PA: "Honor Roll, Section High School: Pupiles who attained at average of not less than 95% in recitation, deportment, or attendance: Vorex Owen, Stuart Hess, Lloyd Green, Dixie Smith, Golf One, Jessie Chaney, Bessie Russell, Ellen Hess, Blanch Downey, Myrtle Downey, and Osborne Durham.

Jan 25, 1906 PA: "Honor Roll Section High School. Sam Rudder, Annie Haynes, William Morris, Bessie

Russell, Myrtle Downey, Blanche Downey, Leonard Morris, William Presley, Dixie Smith, Lloyd Green, Stuart Has, Maggie Morris, Edna Hamilton, and Grace Nichols.

Feb 8, 1906 PA: "Honor Roll of Section High School, Third Month: William Presley, William Morris, Lloyd Green, Sam Rudder Leon Morris, Myrtle Williams, Dixie Smith, Annie Haynes, Jessie Chaney, Bessie Russell, Grace Nichols, Maggie Morris, Henry Morris, Martelia Morris, Mattie Weatherly, Etoile Chaney, Stuart Hess, Myrtle Downey, Edna Hamilton.

Progressive Age (Scottsboro, Alabama) • 13 Oct 1906,

Section High School.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Section High School, which appears elsewhere in this paper. This school enjoys exceptional advantages in salubrity of location and surroundings, in the elevated character of the citizenship of the neighborhood, and especially in having for its principal Prof. N. M. Smith, one of the most popular and efficient teachers in the county. With all these advantages this school offers unexcelled facilities to those seeking educational advancement. In addition it gives special attention to the preparation of teachers for the state examinations. The Section high school is bound to be a power in the educational advancement of this part of the state.

April 5, 1906 PA: Honor Roll Section High School. Fifth Month: Dixie Smith, Annie Haynes, Myrtle Williams, Myrtle Downey, Blanche Downey, Ellen Hess, Bessie Russell, Jessie Chaney, Grace Nichols, Etoile Chaney.

Oct 18, 1906 SC: "Prof. Winton of the Section school was in town Tuesday....Miss Temple Youne Young leaves for section next week where she will teach for eight months in the school there."

May 30, 1907 PA: Accomplishments of George Wallace Gasque who attended Section school in 1893.

Feb 13, 1908 PA: "Our school is progressing nicely. Section is making many efforts to secure the County High School."

Oct-Nov 1908 PA: Ad for the school shown below.

Section School.

Grades of pupils making 85% and above in our examination, for the month ending Feb 23, 1905

Arithmetic No. 1—Carl Durham 100, Mattie Weatherly 97.

Arithmetic No. 2—Frank Gambol 92

Arithmetic No. 3—Vaux Owens 100, Osborne Durham 92

Arithmetic No. 4—John Presley 97, Lloyd Green 93, Willie Johns 90, Edward Chaney 90, Dave Presley 88, Sam Russell, 88, Wallace Ryan 89, Minnie Stringer 85 1/2.

Arithmetic No. 4—Olive Shankle 97, Claude Chastin 91, Goff Owens 90, Hal Green 88.

Arithmetic No. 4—Lennie Johns 93.

Arithmetic No. 7—Zella Williams 99, Lovie Shankle 87.

Advanced Physiology—Vaux Owens 100, Mattie Weatherly 95, Bessie Russell 86.

Primary Physiology—Willie Johns 92 1/2, Minnie Stringer 85.

U. S. History No. 1—Osborne Durham 89, Mattie Weatherly 85.

U. S. History No. 2—Vaux Owens 100, Lloyd Green 95.

Primary U. S. History—William Johns 96.

Alabama History—Mattie Weatherly 100, Leonard Durham 98, Bessie Russell 90.

Geography No. 1—Vaux Owens 100, Mattie Weatherly 89, Bessie Russell 96.

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Geography No. 2—Hal Green 90, Willie Johns 96 1/2, Winale Shankle 96, Minnie Stringer 89, Olive Shankle 88, Minnie Stringer 88, Wallace Ryan 85 1/2, Lloyd Green 86.

Primary Geography—Goff Owens 100, Lennie Johns 90 1/2.

Grammar No. 1—Bessie Russell 100, Mattie Weatherly 100, Carl Durham 97.

Grammar No. 2—Marcellus McCord 85.

Primary Grammar—Winale Shankle 100, Lloyd Green 95, Wallace Ryan 95, Olive Shankle 84, Vaux Owens 94, John Presley 83 1/2, Edward Chaney 83, Dave Presley 88, Willie Johns 85.

Agriculture—Carl Durham 99, Lloyd Green 95, Bessie Russell 89.

Spelling No. 1—Carl Durham 100, Mattie Weatherly 100, Bessie Russell 100.

Spelling No. 2—Willie Johns 96, Wallace Ryan 90, Goff Owens 90, Olive Shankle 87, Winale Shankle 85.

Spelling No. 3—Zella Williams 90, Lora V. Allen, Principal, Kathryn P. Wiseman, Secy.

Dec 10, 1908 PA: "The school is progressing nicely under Prof. S. N. Smith and Miss Pearl Butler."

Feb 4, 1909 PA and SC: "The School at Section in Prosperous Condition. The interest and attendance in the Section school under the direction of Prof. Natus Smith exceeds any previous records since the organization of the institute forty years ago. The enrollment is considerably more than 200 students, several of whom are boarding students. Under the present administration the two-story building, though large, completed, and thoroughly equipped, has become inadequate. Three things specially noticeable have made the school what it is. Perhaps as never before the citizens of Section and vicinity are a perfect union in not only the cause of education but in other lines as well. It is an evident fact that there are enough children and young people to make any school a success if numbers are to be considered. Prof. Smith is too well known in North Alabama to need introduction. The first assistant, Miss Pearl Butler of Judson College, is a capable and an experienced teacher, and one of the most attractive and popular young ladies in Jackson county. Prof. D. J. Smith, the brother of the principal and who was trained in the State Normal at Jacksonville, is the latest addition to the faculty. And now abides and united community, plenty of children and splendid instructors; these three, but the greatest is the school."

(Scottsboro, Alabama) - 16 Oct 1938.

Section High School
SECTION, ALA.

Opens October 19, 1908 for a session of 8 months.

Special courses for pupils desiring to take the state examinations, and special pains taken to fit them for such examinations.

Board, \$8 to \$10 per Month

Healthful location, good neighborhood, good churches and Sunday schools representing all denominations. No nicer homes on Sand mountain, and boarding pupils will have all the advantages of good homes and attention.

For further information call on or write

NATUS M. SMITH, Principal, or
J. ARTHUR WILLIAMS,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Nov 18, 1909 PA: Politicians lectured at all existing schools in 1909 for passage of Alabama Constitutional Amendment 1909 that prohibited the "manufacture, sale and keeping for sale of alcoholic and malt liquors and other intoxicating beverages." It was defeated 61% No, 39% Yes. Rev. Marion Briscoe spoke for the amendment at Section School Nov 17, 1909.

In August 2022, Theresa Moore posted this postcard photo from a photographer in Dutton named Sam Dobbs. In the text of the postcard, Dobbs apologizes for the quality of the photo and says the lines of children were too long for him to capture them correctly. But it is still a very good shot of many of the students in the 1909 class.





April 1, 1909 PA: Friday afternoon marked the closing day of the Section school. A large number of patrons and visitors were present. The Hobsonian had charge of the exercises. Prof. N.M. Smith, the principal, briefly reviewed the year's work and spoke in complimentary terms of Section and the hearty support he has received from the people. The success of the school was made possible, too, by the good work of Dr. Dan Smith and Miss Pearl Butler, both of whom have exceptional ability in the school room. Miss Butler has returned to Scottsboro and the two Profs. Smith will remain at Section for the normal which will begin in less than three weeks."

Apr 29, 1909 PA: Rev. Dr. H. Paul Douglass, Superintendent of Education of the American Missionary, was to visit Section school to determine if "the society would open and maintain an academy on the mountain" could not reach the school because high winds kept him from crossing the river, but still stated he would recommend the school. (left)

Sep 30 1909 PA: Section outlines school for upcoming year and says Prof. N.M. Smith remains as principal and Jas. B. Benson is the new first assistant. Enrollment last year was over 200. People move to Section to educate their children.

Oct 7, 1909 SC: "The Section School" reprinted from the Fort Payne Journal. "Prof N. M. Smith of Section was in town this week and spoke enthusiastically of his school at Section, which will open on Tuesday, October 5th, with most brilliant and flattering prospects. Prof. Smith has associated with him this year Hon. J. S. Benson, representative for Jackson county in the Legislature, and under the able managements of this faculty the school is expect to surpass all former achievements in furthering the cause of education. Prof. Smith has made good a Section school and the people of the vicinity recognize and will appreciate his ability and efforts. He is bound to be a power in the educational movement.

Oct 14, 1909 PA: Families are moving to Section for school advantages.

Oct 16, 1909 PA: "School Opens at Section. The school at this place opened yesterday with Prof. N. M. Smith as principal and Hon. Jas. S. Benson, as first assistant. After devotional services, conducted by Rev. G. Wallace Gasque, Profs. Smith and Benson gave very brief but inspiring addresses follow by Messrs Durham, Gibbs, McCord, Williams, Owens, and other. Rev. Gasque gave a lecture on the relation of the home and the school, followed by Superintendent Brewton on the 'Ideal Student.' There were a number of friends and patrons

present. The enrollment is 57. Several boarding students have arrived. Families are moving to Section for school advantages.”

Nov 4, 1909 SC: “The Section School, daughter by Prof. N. M. Smith and Hon James S. Benson, has an enrollment of 150 students, and they are giving satisfactions. The school is beautifully situated, and is a handsome two-story building, which is not only a credit to Section, but to Jackson county as well.

(Section, Alabama) • 29 Apr 1909, Th

Nov 18, 1909 PA: “Section School is Growing: Comparing the Section school as it is now with the school one year ago, there is marked advancement along several lines. Several improvements on the building have been made, especially the making of new rooms, painting, and a new supply of desks. The records show that the attendance now is nearly twice as much as it was a year ago. A new teacher is to be secured. The building must necessarily be enlarged. It is already nearly full, and possibly a number more children will enroll within the next six weeks.

Jan 27, 1910 PA: “Pursuant to a request of State Superintendent Harry C. Gunnels I hereby call this, a special session, of the County Board of Education to meet in my office Saturday, 29th day of January, 1910. The purpose of this meeting is to consider certain action in regard to Section school district number 96, made necessary by an opinion of Attorney General Garber, communicated to this office on the 7th instant. C. S. Brewton, County Supt. Education”

Sep 8, 1910 PA: Section High has a new principal (M. B. Gipson) and a new school location, the 90-acre Gipson/Chaney farm. A new school is to be built. The existing building will serve as a temporary dormitory and class rooms. Enrollment will be limited the first year until the building is complete. On the same front page, Jackson County High School is announcing the start of its third term, calling itself “The county high school,” and Beeson Academy in Pisgah is beginning its second term. The photos of this building below are from the 1952 Section yearbook.

Sep 15, 1910 PA: The School under Prof. N. M. Smith is doing excellent work. The enrollment has almost reached 200.

May 18, 1911 PA: The Jackson County Summer Normal soon to be held at Section with its excellent attractions, offers superior inducements to those who expect to take a few weeks course of special training in order to raise grades, to better prepare for the summer work, and to prepare for state examination. Section is an ideal place for such gathering as the summer

COULD NOT CROSS RIVER

Dr. Douglas Will Recommend Section School to Executive Committee.

The Rev. Dr. H. Paul Douglass, the Superintendent of Education of the American Missionary, who was booked to visit Section last Thursday to decide whether the society would open and maintain an academy on the mountain, failed to cross the river because of a high wind. Dr. Douglass then went to Atlanta for an interview with Rev. G. Wallace Gasque, and after a three hours' conference the Superintendent said, "Section is certainly the field for a good school. I do not know of any other locality in the country more promising. I will leave for New York tonight and will present the facts as I have them to the executive committee which meets the second week in May. You will hear from us immediately after the committee meeting."

Section High School

Opens Next Tuesday.

Section, Sept. 28.

The section High School will open Tuesday, October 5th, with Prof. N. M. Smith, principal, and Jas. S. Beeson 1st assistant. The prospects are very bright for a successful year's work. A number of people are making arrangements to move to Section to educate their children and a number of boarding pupils are expected. In addition to the regular public school work, a special course will be offered to those who desire to take the examination in December for 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade certificates.

Section has one of the best public schools in the county. Last year the enrollment was over 200 and it is expected that this year it will exceed that of last year.

The Hobsonian Literary Society organized last session, has been kept up throughout the year and every Friday night has rendered an excellent program. A good program will be arranged for the opening Tuesday morning and it is hoped that a large crowd of the patrons and friends of the school will be present to assist and encourage the teachers in the beginning of the year's work.

normal. It has telephone connections with nearly all principals points and neighborhoods in the county as well as long distance and local lines, also daily transportation to and from the railroad. Section school under the management of Prof. N. M Smith, has just closed with one of the most successful years in its history. Prof. Smith is expected to be a member of the splendid faculty who will conduct the summer normal.

Jun 8, 1911PA: "The student of the Section school who passed the state examination ad received certificates were Misses Edna Hamilton, Inez Johnson; Messrs. John Berry, Grady Thomas, and Master Rupert Lowrey [who was only 12 years old]. The Summer normal promises to be one of the most pleasant gathers ever held in Section. The spirit of hospitality and friendly greeting prevails everywhere."

Jun 29, 1911 PA: Profile of Rupert Lowery who received a state teaching certificate at age 12, after only three sessions at the Section school.

Sep 14, 1911 PA: "Section Schools Open Monday. The public school at Section will open next Monday at 9:30 a.m. The teachers, prof., N. M. Smith and Miss Maude Skelton, are employed at present; other teachers will be secured to help teachers the school demands it. A kind invitation is extended to the patrons and friends of Section School to be present at the opening. Prof. C. S. Brewton, Rev. Pass and other are expected to make talks on educational lines.

Aug 2, 1928 PA: 3 mil tax election publicized. Measure passed.

Oct 6, 1916 PA: "The school at Section will open next Monday October 9th. Congressman Almon and C. S. Brewton will make addresses, and a large crowd of patrons of the schools and citizens of the Dixie Plateau will great them."

Jan 26, 1939 PA: We are glad Mrs Butler is able to be back teacher....There will be a box supper at Section School House Friday night, Jan 27, 1939. Everyone come. Girls bring boxes, pies or cakes and boys bring pockets full of money. Proceeds go for M. E. Church.



SECTION HIGH SCHOOL ASSURED

The New Institution Will Be Opened For Instruction The 10th of October.

Section, Sept. 6, . . . The Section High School is at last a reality. A short time ago the 60 acre farm less than a mile south from the postoffice formerly owned by J. M. Chaney, including two cottages, barns, wells, garden, orchard, pastures, woodlands, etc., was secured on which the school will be built. The present building will serve as temporary dormitory and class room.

Prof. M. B. Gipson, a graduate of the Blountville school, and an experienced teacher, has been secured as principal. Agriculture will be taught and a school farm will be conducted. The course of study will begin with the 7th grade public school branches. The new institution will be Christian, without a particle of secularism.

Expenses will be reduced to the very lowest rates possible. Dues will not exceed \$1.00 per month. Arrangements are being made to provide board for the boarding students after the holidays at \$6 per month.

The enrollment will necessarily be limited the first year on account of buildings. Thirty-five students will be the limit. Such buildings as will be needed will be erected by another year.

G. W. Gasque.

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Families are for school ad

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in Section District No. 98, at School House Jackson County, Alabama, on the 24th day of Sept 1928, for the purpose of determining whether or not a special tax shall be levied and collected annually, at the rate of 30 cents on each one hundred dollars worth of taxable property in Section District No. 98, as said county, and to be continued for a period of two years from September 28, 1928, the same to be for the support of the public schools within said district. The boundaries of said district are as follows:

Beginning at the N W corner of section 15, Tp 5, R 4, East; thence east 3 miles; thence south 2 miles; thence west 1 mile; thence south 1/2 mile; thence west 1/2 mile; thence south 1/2 mile; thence west 3 miles; thence north 1 1/2 miles; thence east 1/2 mile; thence north 1/2 mile; thence west to the Tennessee river; thence with said river to point of beginning. Said district contains sections 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 34, the north 1/4 of 35 and the SW 1/4 of 35, the east 1/2 of 35, the SE 1/4 of 29 and the east 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of section 29; also that part of sections 16 and 20 lying south and east of Tennessee river. All of said district being in Tp 5, R 4, Jackson county, Ala.

The following officers are appointed to hold said election: C. J. Douray, County Stranger, Dixie Smith, M. H. Campbell, Hugh C. Russell, clerks; H. D. Ambrose, R. O. R. S. Skelton, W. W. Trice, W. H. Cox, Raymond Bradford, Messrs. Board of Commissioners, Jackson County, Ala. M. C. Thomas, Sheriff of Jackson County, Ala.



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JACKSON COUNTY SENTINEL

WEDNESDAY, 1952

SCOTTSDALE, ALABAMA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1952

FIFTEEN PAGES — ONE CENT

ICE DESTROYS 35 YEAR OLD SECTION SCHOOL



Ice has destroyed half way of the Section School, which was started by Mrs. E. C. ...

The school of Section is well known in the area and has been a source of pride for the community. The school was built in 1917 and has served the community for 35 years. The school was destroyed by ice on October 23, 1952.



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SECTION SCHOOL

Section Jr. High School is located about one and one-half miles from the top of Sand Mountain, about 1/2 mile south of Southport-Fort Payne Highway.

Grades 1 through 8 are taught here. This school serves a large rural community area extending from the base of the mountain to the DeKalb County line, and from 3 miles northwest of the school to about 2 1/2 miles south of it, an area of about 14 square miles.

Teachers are L. M. Patterson, Ernest Hamilton and Mrs. Johnnie Hicks. The faculty is as follows: Bernadette Hicks, principal; Mrs. Mary Brantley, Jr. High English; Mrs. Louise Wallace, Jr. High English studies and music; Allison Powell, seventh grade and 7-11; high science; Mrs. Virginia Hamilton, sixth grade; Mrs. Lucille Hamilton, fifth grade; Miss Tommie Adams, fourth grade; Mrs. J. V. Collier, third grade; Mrs. Alta Bringer, second grade; Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, a section of third and a section of first grade; Mrs. Mayna Bringer, first grade.

Lunchroom operators are Mrs. Grady Collier, Mrs. Rosa Johnson and Mrs. LeAnn Hamilton.

Mrs. Moore is the janitor. The student body is as follows: first grade 20; second grade 20; third grade 20; fourth grade 20; fifth grade 20; sixth grade 20; seventh grade 14; eighth grade 14; ninth grade 14; total 140.

The school plant consists of two buildings. One is a frame consisting of six classrooms, a small office, auditorium, and kitchen. The other is a concrete block building containing two classrooms in one and enough unfinished space for another classroom which is being used to relieve the overcrowded fifth grade. The playground covers about three acres of land. We have four sets of World Book, some books furnished by Huntsville Coasting Library and a limited number of story books suitable for the lower grades. We have a 16 man playground, eight separate, one a kitchen.

The most important need of our school is a new roof for the frame building. Other things badly needed are: toilet and outside, more sanitary drinking fountains, toilets and sinks for the lunchroom; playground equipment for lower grades; storage covers; brooms; lawn mowers; and appropriate shades or blinds for all the rooms; maps, globes and a good

library. One more classroom is needed to relieve the overcrowded conditions and where it possible for the pupils to receive better instruction.

MR. T. CAVALIER IN SCOTTSDALE TODAY



Talk, luncheon and dinner in a room representing one of the most romantic periods in history. Mr. Cavalier arrived here today. Mr. Cavalier headed a party of about 100 soldiers bearing banners heralding H. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's new, extremely mild cigarette Cavalier cigarettes. Following the parade, Mr. Cavalier disembarked from his white truck, car and motor with crowds in the shopping district. He dispersed enough Cavalier cigarettes to the curious among whom were many members of the fair sex who frankly admired the young performer.

Cavalier ate now or else at about all over town.

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